THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) On the basis of information received from the State Governments, a list of Homoeopathic Colleges affiliated to various Universities/ Boards as on 1-4-90 is annexed. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 14].

A number of these are registerd under the Societies Act.

(c) to (e) The Diploma in Homoeopathy indicates the level of proficiency achieved by a person after undergoing 4 years prescribed training in a recognised Homoeopathy Institute. Under the provisions of the Homoeopathy Central Council Act 1973, the Central Council has enforced various educational Regulations to maintain the uniformity in education in Homoeopathy in the country.

The following regulations have been notified by the Council to this effect:—

1. Homoeopathy (Degree Course) Regulations, 1983.

2. Homoeopthy (Graded Degree Course) Regulation, 1983.

3. Homoeopathy (Diploma Course) Regulations, 1983.

4. Homoeopathy (Minimum Standard of Education) Regulations, 1983.

5. Homoeopathy (Post Graduate) Degree Course M.D. (Hom.) Regulations, 1989.

According to these Regulations, there can be two type of training in Homoeopathy at undergraduate level—a Course of study spread over a period of four years leading to the award of D.H.M.S. (Diploma) and another course spread over a period of 5½ years leading to the award of B.H.M.S. (Degree).

Recovery of decomposed bodies in the Rann of Kutch

627. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Border Security Force found about 40 decomposed bodies in the Rann of Kutch in Banaskantha district of North Gujarat bordering Pakistan as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 30 May, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard indicating the number of women and children amongst them and their age group;

(c) whether their origin has been established and if so, the finding thereof;

(d) the circumstances under which these persons entered into Indian territory and what was the cause of their death;

(e) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan and if so, with what results; and

(f) what steps Government have taken to safeguard the Rann of Kutch area bordering with Pakistan and also to check the infiltration from Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. 40 dead bodies were detected by BSF in the Rann of Kutch. These bodies were of Bangladeshi Nationals who were pushed by the Pakistani Rangers into the Indian territory. They had died due to dehydration. BSF had already lodged a protest to the Pakistani Rangers in the matter. Ministry of External Affairs is also taking up the matter with the Pakistan. Break up of 40 dead bodies are:

Male	—	1 (About 55 years)
Male	—	10 (About 18 years to 35 years)
Female	—	8 (About 18 to 35 years)
Children	—	21 (About 4 to 13 years)

A strict vigil is being maintained to check infiltration into the Rann of Kutch.

Extremist activities in J & K

628. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ultras killed, and taken into custody in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three months and their hide-outs unearthed during this period;

(b) the number of security personnel and civilians including women and children killed by ultras in the State during this period,

(c) the details of the militant outfits presently active in that State, indicating their links with Pakistan or other foreign based agencies; and

(d) what is Government's latest assessment about the extremist activities in J & K and the prospects of restoring a democratic set up at the State level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that between April to June 1992, 170 terrorists were killed in the State and 727 persons were arrested. Combing and search operations based on specific intelligence reports were carried out in a large number of terrorist hide-outs. 153 civilians including women and children and 28 security forces personnel were killed in the terrorist violence. According to available information, 119 terrorist outfits have been reported in the State and most of them get support from Pakistan.

The Government has already stepped up pressure on terrorists and vigil on the border. Intelligence opetions have been further intensified. Recently, the security forces have had notable successes in their action against militants. The situation, though difficult, has shown a qualitative change for the better. The Government is keen to hold elections as soon as favourable conditions for free and fair elections are created. No definite time frame can, however, be set for elections at this stage.

Smuggling of arms to Konkan Coast

629. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a well organised smugglers racket involved in the smuggling of arms to Konkan Coast was recently unearthed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the local customs and police officials are also involved in the smuggling racket;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government to identify the official connivance in the smuggling racket and to take suitable action against these found involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) No instance of smuggling of arms has been reported in the Konkan Coast. Close coordination is being maintained between all the agencies concerned for the prevention and detection of smuggling.